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I.

ATTEND, ye brave *Britons*
Of every Degree,
All you who deſerve,
And reſolve to be free;
Plain-Thoughts will ſuffice,
And *Plain-Language* will do,
When all we aſſert
Is known to be true.

Derry down, &c.

2.

To ſave our old Laws,
A new M-----h we took;
And well for thoſe Laws
An old Tyrant forſook:
And ſhou'd our old *England*
Again be at Stake.
A Curſe on the Slaves
Who the New won't forſake.

Derry down, &c.

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3.

This M-----h, unskill'd
In the Nation's Affairs,
A Lover of Wealth,
And a Foe to all Cares,
Reſign'd to his Stateſmen
His Kingdom itſelf,
And wink'd at their Plunder
To ſhare in the Pelf.

Derry down, &c.

4.

He purchas'd Abroad,
While his Miniſters jobb'd;
And *H*----*r* flouriſh'd,
While *B*----*n* was robb'd:
And when he chang'd Hands
For a freſh Set of Men,
Where thoſe took a Shilling,
Theſe Villains took ten.

Derry down, &c.

5.

This M-----h deceas'd,
His Son did ſucceed;
A P---- more auguſt,
Never came of his Breed;
For tho' at his Birth,
Lying Wags had a Fling,
He ſoon prov'd himſelf
The true Son of a K---.

Derry down, &c.

6.

Like Meaſures he follow'd,
Like Servants he had;
And all Things grew worſe,
That before were too bad;
For *W* - - *p* - - *e* ſtill rul'd
With Corruption and Gold,
The M——–h he bought,
And the Nation he ſold.

Derry down, &c.

7.

With Armies at Home,
And with foreign Troops paid;
With Laws that cramp'd Freedom,
As Taxes cramp'd Trade:
With Maxims quite new,
He purſu'd his baſe Ends,
And help'd our old Foes
To oppreſs our old Friends.

Derry down, &c.

8.

At length when Corruption
Drain'd Treaſuries dry,
And none would be bought - - -
For none offer'd to buy,
The Courtiers quit Leaders,
They follow'd for Pay,
And Leaders turn Courtiers,
Worſe R——ls than they.

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9.

My Tale, Oh ye *Britons*!
This Moral does bring,
However deſcended,
A K—— is a K——;
Whenever they're taken,
Moſt Statefmen are Knaves;
And Patriots at Court
Are the loweſt of Slaves.

Derry down, &c.

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